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Montana Medicaid Notice

All Provider Types

NPI Contingency Plan Implemented, Reenrollment Extended

ACS and Montana's Healthcare Programs announced the implementation of a contingency plan for the National Provider Identifier (NPI) implementation in the May 2007 *Claim Jumper*. Due to recent Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and Medicare contingency announcements, the implementation date for Montana has been changed from May 23, 2007, to October 1, 2007, to minimize impacts on the provider community.

Providers must continue to bill Montana's Healthcare Programs with their current provider ID numbers through September 28, 2007. Providers who are required to obtain an NPI may also include their NPI with their current provider ID number beginning May 23, 2007. Beginning October 1, 2007, only NPI numbers (or new Montana Medicaid provider ID numbers for atypical providers) may be used unless the provider has contacted ACS to request an extension. To request an extension, the provider must submit their contingency plan which will be reviewed by DPHHS prior to approval of the extension.

The requirement to reenroll applies to ***all providers*** who bill Medicaid, CHIP or MHSP, including atypical providers who do not require an NPI. All providers must have completed their reenrollment by September 28, 2007. Claims submitted with old Montana's Healthcare Programs provider ID numbers after this date will be denied.

Contact Information

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations:

Provider Relations toll-free in- and out-of-state: 1-800-624-3958

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